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STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVE BARTON

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Thursday, March 17, 2016) –“I have proposed the amendment to SB 1248 in response to the ordinances from various municipalities that restricts the way pet stores can find adoptable puppies or kittens and limits the avenues pet stores can find homes for dogs or cats.

According to the ordinances the pet stores can only sell puppies or kittens that are brought in from animal shelters. There would be no other options for puppies or kittens to be provided to the stores. These resolutions not only greatly hinder the proper economic growth by limiting the inventory of the pet stores but also inhibit puppies from breeders to find loving homes thru the pet stores. This puts an unneeded burden on the stores and will severely harm the business.

The amendment will allow the stores to continue to have a flourishing business while also providing families with wonderful dogs and cats. The store can still receive a dog or cat from an animal shelter but if it chooses not to the dog or cat must be bought from sellers that adhere to the United States Department of Agriculture guidelines under the Animal Welfare Act ensuring the safety of the puppy or kitten.

This issue is dear to my heart and I am determined to find the best possible solution. While this amendment I believe is a step in the right direction, over the interim I will be working tirelessly to make sure the situation is resolved and perfected.”

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